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Note verbale dated 16 November 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations presents its compliments to Fodé Seck, President of the Security Council for the month of November 2016, and has the honour to forward the Agreement of the Republic of South Sudan to implement the joint Transitional Government of National Unity-Security Council communiqué of 4 September 2016 concerning the deployment of the regional protection force (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations further seeks your assistance in circulating the aforementioned agreement among the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 16 November 2016 from the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Agreement for the implementation of the joint Transitional Government of National Unity-United Nations Security Council communiqué of 4 September 2016 (issued on 16 November)

Cognizant of the critical importance of the joint Transitional Government of National Unity-United Nations Security Council communiqué of 4 September 2016 in the achievement of durable peace in the Republic of South Sudan,

Aware of the need for expeditious agreement on the strategies and modalities for the implementation of the contents of said communiqué,

The Transitional Government and the Security Council, having harmonized understanding on the wording of Security Council resolution 2304 (2016), discussed the areas of relevance to unimpeded implementation by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) of its mandate and further discussed issues related to humanitarian access, the parties now agree as follows:

1. A "one-stop shop" will be established within the premises of UNMISS to expedite and ease, inter alia, clearances of flights, clearances of imports (goods and equipment) by customs authorities, the elimination of illegal taxes and fees and the review of modalities to streamline bureaucratic processes that hinder UNMISS operations;

(a) The Transitional Government technical team agreed to work within the premises of UNMISS to achieve the objectives of the one-stop shop;

(b) UNMISS will provide detailed information on all imports in advance to allow ample time for clearance procedures within the one-stop shop;

2. UNMISS will have planned visits, notification of which will be communicated in advance indicating the date, location and troop type;

(a) Notwithstanding the freedom of movement of UNMISS, advance written notification, ideally within 72 hours for clearance of convoys and patrols, shall be provided in order for the relevant authorities to clear and communicate to relevant units the intent of UNMISS to conduct aerial or ground surveillance;

(b) In cases of emergency, UNMISS will communicate to the authorized officer(s), who will in turn deal with the case according to its severity/merits and circumstances;

(c) Airplane landing clearance during an emergency shall be communicated to the Civil Aviation Authority to coordinate with the security authorities concerned;

3. Seven checkpoints have been agreed to be under the jurisdiction of the South Sudan National Police;

(a) Representatives of the relevant government institutions will support the police force at the checkpoints;

(b) UNMISS/the regional protection force can only observe government operations at checkpoints as part of its monitoring mandate;

(c) Modalities for operations at the checkpoints shall be in accordance with procedures of the South Sudan National Police;

4. Modalities will be developed for patrols to ensure that they are effective, timely and healthy for the relationships between the parties;

(a) Inside Juba, UNMISS shall conduct normal patrols at convenient times in coordination with the Joint Operations Centre (UNMISS is represented in the Joint Operations Centre);

(b) Patrols on the agreed interstate roads (seven arterial routes and four ingress/egress routes) shall be coordinated. The commanders concerned shall finalize the details of the operation in due course;

5. Protection will be coordinated for key installations, including schools, hospitals, markets, bridges and United Nations warehouses. The commanders concerned shall work out the final details;

(a) UNMISS can accompany convoys carrying their supplies in coordination with Transitional Government security;

6. A 4,000-member regional protection force will be deployed, including a 2,200-member infantry force from Kenya, Rwanda and Ethiopia;

(a) A 1,800-member support force is agreed. The United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations shall explain the inclusion of non-regional contributing countries;

(b) The regional protection force shall carry standard "personal weapons". All other weapons and equipment shall be dealt with as agreed in the attached tables for the high-readiness company, the tactical helicopter unit and the infantry force;

(c) The joint technical working group shall urgently discuss and recommend suitable areas for land to accommodate the regional protection force;

7. Protection of civilians:

(a) In cases of humanitarian emergency, the Transitional Government and UNMISS shall coordinate on evacuation and take necessary measures to protect civilians;

(b) In cases of unpredictable situations, including military engagements, that threaten civilians, the national security forces and UNMISS shall coordinate how to combat the threat against civilians;

8. Juba International Airport: the Ministry of Transport, the joint technical working group and the Civil Aviation Authority have agreed to have a joint modality for the coordinated protection and security of the airport. The details shall be worked out by the parties, documented and used as a protocol of operation in accordance with Security Council resolution 2304 (2016). As part of this;

(a) UNMISS has repaired a generator for electricity supply;

(b) UNMISS has provided three modules (prefabricated houses) for office accommodation;

(c) UNMISS has trained fire services and will continue to do so;

(d) UNMISS has promised to use its assets when and if necessary;

(e) Ring roads shall be cleared around the perimeter of the airport during the dry season to safeguard the airport;

(f) The Transitional Government shall host a visit to discuss with the relevant authorities other needs and measures specific to security and protection;

9. A non-governmental organizations (NGOs) desk or humanitarian one-stop shop will be established and qualified and competent staff from relevant government institutions, United Nations agencies and NGOs will be deployed to operationalize the NGOs desk or one-stop shop.

(*Signed*) Martin Elia **Lomurö**
Minister of Cabinet Affairs
Chairperson of the Communiqué Implementation

NB:

1. With respect to items marked "*" in tables 1, 2 and 3, UNMISS has argued that these are standard infantry requirements and that contributing countries shall provide a detailed list in advance for government clearance.

2. Other matters of interest, including development issues and an exit strategy for the regional protection force, shall be discussed in due course.

3. UNMISS intends to sign this document after completing consultations with authorities in New York.

UNMISS regional protection force: key enablers — armaments and equipment

Table 1
High-readiness company: armaments and equipment

No.	*Equipment/armaments*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
1	Crew-served machine guns (up to 10 mm)	40	Vehicle-mounted (30)	To be discussed and finalized*
2	Crew-served machine guns (11 to 15 mm)			To be discussed and finalized*
3	Mortars (up to 60 mm)	3		Agreed
4	Mortars (61 to 82 mm)	2		Agreed
5	Recoilless gun	5		To be discussed and finalized*
6	Anti-tank grenade launcher (light, 60 to 80 mm)	15		To be discussed and finalized*
Armoured personnel carriers (wheeled)				
7	Infantry carrier, armed (classes I to III)	8		To be discussed and finalized*
8	Command post	2		Agreed
9	**Support vehicles (military pattern)**			Agreed
10	Ambulance	2		Agreed
11	Jeep (4x4) with military radio	5		Agreed
12	Truck, utility/cargo (jeep type) (under 1.5 tons)	15		Agreed
13	Truck utility/cargo (1.5 to 2.4 tons)	5		Agreed
14	Truck, maintenance (medium)	1		Agreed
15	Truck, refrigerator (under 20 feet)	1		Agreed
16	Truck, water (over 5,000 litres, up to 10,000 litres)	1		Agreed
17	Truck tanker (over 5,000 litres, up to 10,000 litres)	1		Agreed
Medical and dental equipment				Agreed
18	Level 1 hospital	1		Agreed
19	**Water storage equipment**			Agreed
20	Water storage, greater than 20,000 litres	1		Agreed
21	**Engineering equipment**			Agreed
22	Water treatment plant, up to 2,000 litres per hour, storage up to 5,000 litres	1	Water treatment plant	Agreed
23	201kVA to 500kVA	2		Agreed
24	31 to 40kVA	4		Agreed
25	41 to 50kVA	4		Agreed
26	51 to 75kVA	4		Agreed
Material handling equipment				
27	Forklift, rough terrain (over 5 tons)	2		Agreed

No.	*Equipment/armaments*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
28	**Trailers**			Agreed
29	Fuel trailer (2,000 to 7,000 litres)	3		Agreed
30	Water trailer (2,000 to 7,000 litres)	3		Agreed
31	Light cargo, single axle	6		Agreed
32	Medium cargo, single axle	2		Agreed
33	**Containers**			Agreed
34	Other containers	4		Agreed
35	Ammunition storage container	1		Agreed
36	Accommodation equipment			Agreed
37	Tents for deployable platoon, 35 personnel	4		Agreed
38	Ablution facilities (50 persons)	3		Agreed

Table 2
Tactical helicopter unit: armaments and equipment

No.	*Equipment*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
1	Attack helicopters	2	Mi-24 Hind E (Rwanda)	To be discussed and finalized*
Armament				
2	Rocket pods	4	57 mm rockets (32); 80 mm rockets (20)	To be discussed and finalized*
3	12.7 mm machine gun	1		To be discussed and finalized*
Support vehicles (commercial)				
4	Truck, water (over 5,000 litres, up to 10,000 litres)	1	With pumps	Agreed
5	Truck, tanker (over 5,000 litres, up to 10,000 litres)	1	All with pumps and flow metres (1 for diesel and 1 for aviation fuel)	Agreed
Support vehicles (military pattern)				
6	Jeep 4x4	2	With military radio	Agreed
7	Minibus 4x4	1		Agreed
8	Truck, utility/cargo (2.4 to 5 tons)	1		Agreed
9	Truck, utility/cargo (6 to 10 tons)	1		Agreed
10	Truck, maintenance (medium)	1		Agreed
11	Truck, sewage	1		Agreed
12	**Engineering vehicles**			Agreed
13	Crane, mobile (medium) (11 to 24 tons)	1		Agreed
Engineering equipment				Agreed
14	Water treatment plant (reverse osmosis water purification unit), up to 2,000 litres per hour, storage up to 5,000 litres	1		Agreed

No.	*Equipment*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
15	Generator, 41 kVA to 50 kVA	2	Troop-contributing countries need to select generator size to match specific loads	Agreed
16	Generator, 51 to 75 kVA	2		Agreed
Logistical equipment				Agreed
17	Tentage	1		Agreed
18	Ablution unit	1		Agreed
19	Water storage (up to 10,000 litres)	2	Collapsible, specially certified for water storage	Agreed
Material handling equipment				
19	Forklift, rough terrain (up to 5 tons)	1		Agreed
20	Aircraft/airfield support equipment			Agreed
21	Auxiliary power unit (small capacity)	2		Agreed
22	Tractor, aircraft towing	1		Agreed
23	Trailer, aircraft loading	1		Agreed
Trailers				
24	Water trailer (up to 2,000 litres)	1		Agreed
25	Compressor trailer	1		Agreed
Communications equipment				
26	Air-ground base station transceiver (AM/FM)	2		Agreed
27	Base station transmitter, HF, high power	2		Agreed
28	Satellite phones	4	1 per aircraft, 1 for main base, 1 for detachment	Agreed
Miscellaneous equipment				
29	Light projector w/generators (special case)	2		Agreed
30	Containers			Agreed
31	Other containers	7		Agreed
32	Ammunition storage	1	Number of containers to be communicated to troop-contributing countries	Agreed

Table 3
Infantry battalion major equipment requirements

No.	*Item*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
1	Crew-served machine guns (up to 10 mm)	52		To be discussed and finalized*
2	Crew-served machine guns (11 to 15 mm)	27		To be discussed and finalized*
3	Mortars (up to 60 mm)	16		Agreed
4	Mortars (61 to 82 mm)	6		Agreed
5	Anti-tank grenade launcher (light, 60 to 80 mm)	52		To be discussed and finalized*

No.	*Item*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
6	Infantry carrier, armed (class III)	16		To be discussed and finalized*
7	Command post	5		Agreed
8	Ambulance rescue	4		Agreed
9	Ambulance	2		Agreed
10	Jeep (4x4) with military radio	35		Agreed
11	Truck, utility/cargo (1.5 to 2.4 tons)	55		Agreed
12	Truck, utility/cargo (7 to 10 tons)	30		Agreed
13	Truck maintenance, medium	6		Agreed
14	Truck, water (over 10,000 litres)	6		Agreed
15	Remote control bomb disposal equipment	1		Agreed
16	Metal detectors	12		Agreed
17	Explosive ordnance disposal suit, light (minimum V-50 ballistic test rating of 1,000 for the chest and groin)	5		Agreed
18	Demining protective helmet and visor	5		Agreed
19	Demining protective shoes (pair)	5		Agreed
20	Demining protective vest/jacket	5		Agreed
21	Demining protective apron/trousers	5		Agreed
22	Reinforced gloves (pair)	5		Agreed
23	Demining protective helmet and visor	1		Agreed
24	Demining protective shoes (pair)	1		Agreed
25	Demining protective vest/jacket or demining protective apron/trousers (alternatives)	1		Agreed
26	Reinforced gloves (pair)	1		Agreed
27	Personal equipment (with gas mask) — set of 10 — applicable to military contingents with riot control tasks only	9		Agreed
28	Teargas launcher (set of 4)	3		Agreed
29	Loudspeakers (set of 3)	3		Agreed
30	Handheld searchlights (set of 6)	3		Agreed
31	Handheld metal detectors (set of 6)	3		Agreed
32	Flare/signal pistol (set of 3)	3		Agreed
33	Taser (advanced pistol) (set of 1)	3		Agreed
34	Searchlights and generators	3		Agreed
35	Automatic (TG) grenade launcher (set of 3)	3		Agreed
36	Public address system (set)	3		Agreed
37	Water treatment plant (reverse osmosis water purification unit or equivalent), Equipment, tanks and bladders, up to 2,000 litres per hour, storage up to 5,000 litres			Agreed
38	Water storage, 7,001 to 10,000 litres	20		Agreed

No.	*Item*	*Quantity*	*Remarks*	*Comments*
39	Fuel storage, 5,001 to 10,000 litres	8		Agreed
40	**Generators — stationary and mobile**			Agreed
41	20 to 30 kVA	18	Mobile on-board/or towed	Agreed
42	31 to 40 kVA	4		Agreed
43	51 to 75 kVA	4		Agreed
44	101 to 150 kVA	4		Agreed
45	201 to 500 kVA	6		Agreed
46	Telephone exchange, private automatic branch exchange, 1 to 100 lines	1		Agreed
47	**Medical and dental**			Agreed
48	Level 1 hospital	1		Agreed
49	Tents for deployable squad, 8 to 10 personnel	9		Agreed
50	Tents for deployable platoon, 35 personnel	9		Agreed
51	Semi-rigid structures			Agreed
52	Ablution facilities (50 persons)	17		Agreed
53	Ammunition magazine (storage)	8		Agreed
54	Refrigeration/freezer/food storage	8		Agreed
55	Other containers	25		Agreed

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Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representatives of Spain on the Security Council

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received a letter dated 14 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations stating that Mr. Ignacio Díaz de la Guardia, Ms. María Palacios Palacios, Mr. Agustín Rebollo Fuente, Ms. María Luisa Marteles Gutiérrez del Álamo and Mr. Carlos López Ortiz have been appointed alternate representatives of Spain on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, this letter constitutes adequate provisional credentials.

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